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今晨全體大會通過組織非常時教育促進委員會

由每學系選代表二人組成在三項原則下與學校合作

學生會於今日上午十時二十分在禮堂召開全體大會，到四百餘人，過半數正式開會。首先由主席張兆慶報告此次大會目的，乃在繼續討論「非常時期教育方案」。上次大會，雖已有所討論，然尚未產生任何結果。北平其他學校，已多實行者，本校雖即時制定，恐已有落後之虞。嗣由到會同學相繼發言，各抒己見，對於學生會所提出之：(一)不妨礙學分及畢業，(二)與學校合作，(三)不罷課，三項原則，群無異議，乃由主席宣佈正式接受。至於實施方法，由各學系選出代表二人，組織「燕京大學學生非常時期教育促進委員會」，制定細則，內容凡關於學系者，由各該學系分別通過，關於全體者，由全體大會通過後，始能實行。代表選舉，須在星期四前完成，以便非常時期教育，得早日實現。惟此項教育方案，須在以上三項原則下，與學校方面，通力合作，庶與學校及學生兩方皆有益而無損云。

校內少數同學接到匿名恐嚇信件

羣認爲此種手段有欠大方

上星期六有同學數人，接有無名氏恐嚇信件，警告彼等以後在全體大會少發言論。記者爲明瞭真相起見，特走訪劉篤宏及施彥博二君，承示原函，中有句云：「……終則於大會討論新教育方案時藉端搗亂，此種陰謀，漢奸何異……」敵人以最誠懇態度，警告足下，盼即洗改前非，嗣後若再有此種漢奸行為，則敵人當不惜以非常手段對付之……聞同時接得該項信件者尚有俞百巖、邱運熹、劉克讓、林聖熙、呂一尊等，共見其間，余當日之喚醒也。

教育學會編印

教育學會出版，最近編印「教育學報」一種，約十三萬餘字，均爲該會會員作品，現正在印刷中，下月即可殺青云。

至目前止註冊

共計七十二人。自七八兩日註冊後，截至現在止，已註冊者共計七十二人，較之上季，減少一百六十人。據註冊主任邱運熹稱，依往年例，春季註冊，總數在六七十人左右。今年情形，自屬不同。不過舊同學中，尚有未返校及遲遲未返者，故將來數目，當不止此。又訊，本學季學生註冊，達二百五十人之多，其中一二月半月不等。惟此等緩繳費用及遲遲註冊者，皆一律以罰金三元云。

俞百巖謹覆「敵人」君

八日午後五時，足下寫來尊函，敬悉。是日當在國慶紀念，對良友，走！走！走！在國慶紀念，對良友，走！走！走！在國慶紀念，對良友，走！走！走！

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Dr. D. L. Phelps Here on Exchange from W.C.U.U.

Will Assist in Department of Western Languages and Give Special Lectures on Buddhism

Dr. Dryden L. Phelps, exchange professor from West China Union University, arrived on the campus today with Mrs. Phelps and their three children. They will live in the President's Home. After a semester here, returning the "visit" made to Chengtu in the second term of last year by Dr. L. C. Porter, he will proceed with his family to America on furlough.

Dr. Phelps is a member of the department of English in W.C.U.U. and will assist the department of western languages here in the place of Miss Cochran, who is on furlough. He will offer special courses in Tennyson and Browning. He has made a special study of Chinese Buddhism and will give a series of lectures here and in Peiping on that subject under the auspices of the Harvard-Yenching Institute by which the exchange relationships between West China and Yenching were arranged.

He is a member of the American Baptist missionary society. He took his Ph.D. at the University of California in the field of Chinese studies dealing with Buddhism, and has continued his studies in this field. He recently published a translation of a guidebook to the Buddhist temples on Mount Omei. He has made a special study of the literature, painting and images relating to the Indian sage, Bohbidharma. Mrs. Phelps is a musician and at W.C.U.U. has been in charge of the music for the university services.

Lew to Speak Tonight On Nanking' Educational Confab Last Month

A report on the recent conference of educational representative and government leaders held in Nanking will be made by Dr. T. T. Lew before faculty and staff members at a meeting tonight at 8 o'clock in the President's House, according to a notice by the Chancellor's Office. Dr. Lew was Yenching's sole representative to the conference which was called by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek. No Yenching student attended.

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Ice-Hockey Season Nears End; Middle School Boys Tie Yenta Saturday 3-3

Yenching's ice-hockey six was glad to escape last Saturday's game against Peking American School with a 3-3 tie at the Y.M.C.A. rink. With a minute to play, Wu Ching-hsueh, who left for Shanghai and London the following day, pulled the game out of the fire with a beautiful shot to tie the middle-school boys.

Yenching has never fared too well in ice hockey during year's gone by, especially a few years ago when the Sino-German club maltreated the school-boy puck-chasers in no uncertain fashion. Last year and this, however, Yenta has had the services of clever stickers. Li Kuo-fan and Arthur Shoemaker last winter raised Yenching's hockey team from just another team to one which Chinese teams in Tientsin and Peiping couldn't afford to trifle with. A group of freshmen this year have made the absence of last year's two stars little felt.

Yenta has played about ten games this winter, losing but three, winning and tying the remainder. Most of the games have been played without the full team, as the student strike arrived before the hockey season did, and many players at one time or other returned to their homes in other cities or went on vacation trips. Now that classes have resumed, the team members have returned to the campus, but the hockey season is near its end.

Whites Give a Missouri Tea for Mrs. Walter Williams

A tea for all alumni of the University of Missouri in Peiping to meet Mrs. Walter Williams was given last Friday afternoon by Mr. and Mrs. J. D. White, 1 Ting Yin Hutung. Those present in addition to the host, hostess and guest of honor were: Mr. J. B. Powell, editor of *China Weekly Review*; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Snow, Mr. T. E. Breece, Mr. Vernon Nash, and Mr. J. E. Huffner. Mrs. Nash and Mr. Norman Soong, other M. U. graduates here, were unable to be present.

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250 Defer Payment As 720 Enroll For Spring

Second Semester Show Decrease of 150 Below Fall Figures; Fine Of \$3 For Late Tuition

About 250 students registering last Friday and Saturday for the spring semester deferred payment of tuition and other fees, according to figures by the Registrar's Office. This marks an overwhelming increase over figures of former registration days which usually ran between 70 and 80 deferments.

The spring semester's total enrollment list adds up to only about 720, a decrease of the fall semester list by 160 names. However, there are a few old students who have not yet registered, and they, together with new post-graduates entering the university this spring, but who will register later, will raise the present total considerably.

In years gone by, the spring enrollment showed a decrease from the fall figures by about 80 names, according to Ti Hsin-ting, registrar. Subtracting 80 from the 880 enrolled last semester, there may be about fifty who have left school this spring for unusual reasons. Many of those who failed to enroll for the second semester have completed the requirements for a degree.

Each student who did not finish registering last Friday and Saturday, or who have deferred payment, will be fined \$3, according to Mr. Ti. "The whole procedure of registration includes also the payment of tuition and fees within the days specified for registration, and a student deferring payment is considered as not having registered within the given time," he said.

Folk Dancing Wednesdays & Fridays

The faculty folk dancing group will during February meet Wednesdays instead of Tuesdays. A session is also held Friday evenings. The group meet in Boyd Gym from 6 to 7. All staff members are welcome at any time.

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Student Body Approves Special Education Plan

Scheme Not To Affect Seniors' Hopes Of Graduation; Cooperation With School Urged

Coolly, the student body unanimously voted for an "emergency education" plan, as submitted by the Peiping Student Union to its member units, this morning during a two-hour meeting in Bashford Auditorium.

For the planning of the details of the scheme two delegates from each department of the university will be chosen to form a Committee for the Promotion of Emergency Education, which will meet with the school authorities to decide on the plan. The decisions of these two bodies, however, will have to be submitted for approval to the majors of each department concerned. Measures which concern the entire student body will likewise have to be approved by the student body as a whole.

Minus the stormings and exhortations which characterized the meeting last week, discussions this morning were carried on deliberately and calmly. Many times, spells of silence came over the hall when no one had any suggestions to offer. This was in contradistinction to last Monday's debates when there was never a let-up.

In forming an "emergency education" plan, the students decided not to use the strike as a weapon, not to affect the chances of seniors in their hopes of graduation, and to cooperate with the school authorities in every way possible.

Dr. A.B. Brown to Leave This Week for the U.S.A.

Dr. Alice Barlow Brown is leaving this week for the United States on a visit home of an indeterminate length. She was for a term medical officer of the women's college and for several years has maintained a health clinic at 13 Chün Chi Ch'u, Haitien. Her work has been carried on in association with Yenching Craftwork and has received grants-in-aid from the Yenching Community Chest. As much of her work as possible will be continued by the nursing staff.

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The Annotator

Those who are fond of puzzles, acrostics, anagrams, cryptograms, and all varieties of secret codes should get a kick out of attempts even to understand the basic principles of systems of Romanization which are designed to supplant Chinese characters. Increasing numbers of persons, apparently, do not accept Karlgren's dictum that ideograms are indispensable to the Chinese language.

Catholics Provide Evening's Diversion

The Russians think they have such systems and are publishing materials in them but they have been satisfied with one scheme of Romanization for each of the major dialects. Certain Roman Catholic leaders leave the Communists at the post, however, with their utterly confident, unqualified assertion that they have in their officially adopted *Romanisation Interdialectique* a system which will "serve for all dialects without any alteration having to be made."

That claim seemed to me inherently fantastic but since I am engaged in a minor capacity with others in an attempt to secure adoption of a new method of using Chinese characters in indexing and filing, I did as I should like to be done by and settled down to an evening's attempt thoroughly to understand the so-called Interdialect Romanization. I was from Missouri by the time I was ready to retire. They certainly will have to show me that their extravagant claims are justified. Indeed, my conviction was strengthened that systems of Romanization designed to replace ideograms would at present create more and greater difficulties than

those which they seek to remove.

Rivals Contents of "Black Chamber"

The Catholic proposal makes use of letters representing the ancient pronunciations of characters, chiefly as shown in Karlgren's dictionary. Persons in each dialect area are then expected to use the table of letter values given in the instructions book and thereby learn to decipher the code, each in his own tongue. Though obviously non-phonetic for all dialects, the scheme is ingenious since natural phonetic laws have produced an orderly evolution in each dialect. It might even be practicable, though exceedingly cumbersome, were it not for the one peculiarity of the Chinese language which is the insuperable difficulty confronting all forms of Romanization which seek to provide a substitute for ideograms. That unsurmountable barrier is the unique number of homonyms.

Father J. Rutten, C.I.C.M. in his introductory explanations to a novel printed in their Romanization takes as an example 父婦 and 府, which would be spelled *vu*, *voh* and *fu*. (The "h" is code letter for fourth tone.) Thus differentiation would be obtained in the written language and no more confusion created, he thinks, than by the existence of *write*, *right* and *wright* in English or *voie*, *vois* and *voit* in French. A very neat argument except for the fact that even Fenn's 5,000-character dictionary lists twenty more *fu*'s. Goodrich has thirty-five and by statistical average we may assume that the fourth-tone *fu*'s in K'ang Hsi would run well over a hundred. French has thirty ways of spelling the sound *ain* and *an*, it is true, but these are exceptional and are usually in polysyllabic combinations, whereas almost every Chinese monosyllabic vocable is overloaded with duplications. Experimental demonstration is called for to prove that such alphabetic forms, either identical or very similar in a huge number of cases, would be easier to learn and retain than ideograms.

Didn't You Hear Me Gasp?

I almost tossed the book aside as unworthy *prima facie* of further consideration when I hit this sentence: "In all the modern dialects

the number of these homonyms is so great that sometimes five, and even sometimes ten, entirely different words are pronounced in exactly the same manner." Sometimes, my eye! I vainly spent almost an hour trying to find even one page in Goodrich without at least one group of a dozen or more exact homonyms. There are often several such groups on a single page; not infrequently a group has a total in the twenties or thirties or more. The record I've been able to find is ninety-three *I*'s of the fourth tone. And that's in Goodrich with his 10,587 characters; some day I'm going to do some counting in the unabridged K'ang Hsi dictionary with its 40,000 *tsu*.

But perhaps, thought I, they intend to use this system only for the simplest colloquial where context, classifiers, and polysyllabic phrases prevent confusion. No, for near the end of the book is this assertion: "Even books of the most difficult style . . . can be thus rendered . . . clearer and easier to read . . . than a text in Chinese characters." At that juncture, my friends, the credulity lobe in my brain pan blew out a fuse!

Dr. C. C. Wang's Scheme Best Yet

The National Phonetic Telegraphing System has code letters for radicals as well as for tones. That's a vital step toward adequate differentiation but it is easy to find

instances where two or more characters of the same sound and tone also have the same radicals. Chinese written style being what it is, context has too heavy a load to bear in any Romanization. I remain a disciple of Karlgren in believing that ideograms are indispensable to Chinese, at least for a considerable time to come.

—V.N.

Dr. Radcliffe-Brown Going to Japan

Dr. K. Radcliffe-Brown, professor of social anthropology in the University of Chicago who has been in China for several months, chiefly in Yenching, will leave the campus this week for Japan. After a short stay there, he will sail for the United States. He has had an unusually active period in our midst, both professionally and socially.

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